

Macclesfield is an industrial town in the north east of Cheshire. It lies to the south east of the Manchester conurbation and the industrial town of Stockport. It is on the main railway line from Manchester heading south through the Potteries to the Midlands and London. It had a major textile industry specialising in silk. The town's football team is still known as the Silkmen.

Itinerary :

Head left from from the station exit and left along Sunderland St. Turn right where Sunderland St meets Park Green. Our J D Wetherspoon for the day,

The Society Rooms, is on the left. It is a fairly imposing building built partly in stone and partly brick. Leave at 11.00.

Return to Sunderland St and on the corner on the left, is the

Fountain 32 Park Green. Card only Food. This is a Bollingtons Leave at 11.55.

Left along Sunderland Street to next corner left into Townley St. and then right into Charlotte St. at the end cross the car park and out into Boden St. At the end, by the Waters Green Tavern cross Waters Green into Church St. On the left is

The Castle 29, Church St. Opens at 12. This is a nice little pub with black & white frontage on a narrow cobbled street. There were 4 handpumps in use on my visit, breweries included Full Circle, Tatton and Pentrich.

Another pub nearby is the

Waters Green Tavern, 29 Church St. Macclesfield. Had 7 handpumps but only 3 being used - Jarl, Ezili and Abbeydale Moonshine.

Finally back to Park Green. At no 32A there is the

Red Willow. This is a brew pub serving on the recce 4 varieties of its own ales. No guests were available, although as (in my opinion) Red Willow brews very good beer, this is not wholly a bad thing!

All pubs mentioned above do pub food of the bar snack variety, the Castle seemed to be the best.

Getting there :

As mentioned above Macclesfield is on the main line from Manchester to Birmingham and London. London to Macclesfield takes just under 2 hours and Manchester to Macclesfield about 20 mins. Of course this depends on the train you get, something which Jolly Boys should need no help in sorting out for themselves.

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